CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING JULY 2, 2018 – 5:15 P.M. TOWN HALL ANNEX, 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD COMMUNITY ROOM 3

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Dunn, Fitzpatrick, Dunphy

Staff: Allen

Guest: Tom Olsen (prospective commission member)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 4, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 4, 2018.

Motion by Fitzpatrick, second by Dunn, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Olsen introduced himself as a prospective commission member attending the meeting as a member of the public.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Referral: SUB 18-03, Bridgeview Subdivision, 0 Grove Avenue

The commission reviewed the aforementioned application, specifically the associated open space proposal. The applicant proposes to deed to the Town offsite land owned by him at 0 Packer Road for open space. The Commission discussed whether the proposed open space or a fee-in-lieu would be preferable. Staff advised that open space at 0 Parker Road could provide permanent conservation of the riparian area of Haley Brook and thusly be of considerably more value than a fee-in-lieu.

MOTION: To support the open space proposal of SUB 18-03 in a referral to the

Planning Commission, with the advisement that the open space to be given be concentrated in the riparian area of Haley Brook in order to

maximize protection of the watercourse.

Motion by Dunphy, second by Fitzpatrick; so voted unanimously.

2. Review memorandum to the Zoning Commission concerning open space subdivisions.

MOTION: To approve the memorandum to the Zoning Commission as amended.

Motion by Fitzpatrick, second by Dunphy; so voted unanimously.

3. Continue Conservation Plan update.

The Commission discussed an outline, drafted sections, and assignment of tasks.

VI. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty reported on the condition of the road sponsored by the Commission near Bluff Point.

VII. REPORT OF STAFF

Allen reported that there are two prospective new Commission members: Jamie Densmore and Tom Olsen (present).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion made by Fitzpatrick, second by Rafferty; voted so unanimously.

Larry Dunn, Secretary Conservation Commission

Prepared by Matthew T. Allen Planner I